

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE  
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
JOINT MEETING OF THE MAGTRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE  
AND  
MAG ELDER MOBILITY STAKEHOLDERS**

March 22, 2005  
MAG Cholla Room, 2nd Floor  
302 North First Avenue  
Phoenix, Arizona

**ATTENDEES**

*Robert Maki, Surprise	Dan Lundberg, Surprise
Claudia Walters, Mesa	*Punya P. Khanal for Carnell Thurman, Avondale
Dolores Nolan, Valley Metro	*Kelly LaRosa, City of Peoria
Peggy Rubach, MCDOT	Marty Hadley, Mesa Senior Services
Jim Dickey, ADOT	Donna Brower, Scottsdale
*Scott Nodes, Goodyear	Jim Coffman, Coffman Studies
Betsy Buxer, Easter Seals of Arizona	*Kohinoor Kar for Reed Henry, ADOT
*Sandy Adams, Glendale	*David Cowley, AAA Arizona
*Kerry Wilcoxon, Phoenix	Mary Larsen, Mesa
*Jennifer Brown, FHWA	*Iven Wooten, DPS
Karen Croysdale, FHWA	*Linda Mendyka, GOHS
Dennis O'Neill, Aging and Adult Administration	
Gregg Kielly, ADOT Public Transportation	
*Paul Porell, City of Scottsdale	
*Tom Birch, AARP	
*Chris Plumb, Maricopa County	
*Larry Talley for Alan Sanderson, Mesa	

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Sarath Joshua, MAG  
Teresa Franquiz, MAG  
Kiran Guntupalli, MAG

\* Transportation Safety Committee Member

1. Call to Order/Welcome  
Claudia Walters, Chairperson of Elder Mobility Stakeholders called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM.
2. Introductions  
Bob Maki, Chairman of Transportation Safety Committee, introduced himself and asked

everyone to give brief introductions.

3. Meeting Logistics

Sarath Joshua went over the meeting schedule, handouts, parking validation and the other logistics pertaining to the facility..

4. Meeting Goals and Objectives

Bob Maki spoke on the objectives of this joint meeting. He provided a brief presentation on the subject of Planning for a Safer Transportation System. His presentation slides were made available to attendees. His presentation highlighted the following topics:

Safety Planning at MAG

Safety Stakeholder Group

Draft Safety Action Plan

MAG Transportation Safety Committee formation

Roles and responsibilities

Upcoming projects and current activities

5. Governor's Aging 2020 Plan

Melanie Starns from the Governors Office of Aging spoke on the 2020 plan and its eight goals. The plan will be shared with state agencies and revised by end of April. The governor will hold townhalls across the state on this plan. A new initiative has been launched with AARP named Mature Workers Initiative targeting Boomers. Arizona is one of 4 states participating in this initiative.

6. Lessons from Florida – Florida's Elder Road User Program & FHWA Observations

Gail Holley of Florida DOT and Norbert Munoz of Florida FHWA provided two very interesting presentations on the work being done in Florida to accommodate older road users. Gail Holley described how the program got started by the Florida DOT upon the request of the then DOT commissioner. A high percentage of Florida residents are over 65 years and the state leads the nation in retirees. Some of the project that Florida has implemented are:

- Daylight Marking and Raised Pavement Markers
- Overhead Street Name Signs using a minimum of 8 inch letters at interections with over 20,000 entering traffic
- Advance street name signs using larger letters – at all major signalized intersections
- Better delineation in work zones
- Pedestrian improvements – refuge islands, signals set to 2.5 fps walk speed, educational plaque
- Revedid red and yellow signs for 20/70 acuity
- Large advance signs using symbols

7. Joint Discussion: Regional Initiatives and Next Steps

Teresa Franquiz of MAG Human Services initiated this discussion as Maureen DeCindis was unable to attend the meeting. A project interest form was distributed to participants asking

them to jot down potential projects that would address the needs that were highlighted at today's meeting. The form had three blanks for any new project ideas and 3 tentative projects under the topics:

Increasing Transit Usage by Seniors

Neighborhood Improvement Project

Transportation Coordination Project

8. Closing Remarks

Bob Maki thanked everyone for their participation in the meeting. He requested for suggestions on how to proceed ahead in coordinating joint projects between the two groups.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM